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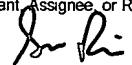
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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicant hereby petitions that the period for response to the Examiner's Action, dated July 6, 2000, be extended for two month(s) to December 6, 2000.


A response to the Examiner's Action, dated July 6, 2000, is filed concurrently herewith.

A Response Transmittal and Fee Authorization for the two month extension fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(1) is submitted herewith. In the event that the Response Transmittal and Fee Authorization is not present, is not

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